

Monday Moments in European History

Today: The Rise of Napoleon I



Homework: Complete what you can on the handout on Napoleon's successes and failures.

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1795-1799 The Directory

A new constitution was written (1795) that established a republican form of government where a new Legislative Assembly would choose a 5-man executive, the **Directory**

- Voting and holding office was reserved for property owners
- Middle class was in control and wanted peace in order to gain more wealth and establish a society in which money and property would become the only requirements for prestige and power.
- Removal of all economic controls hurt the sans-culottes, who repeatedly attacked the government, but without leaders and powerless, they were doomed to failure.
- Napoleon Bonaparte came to the rescue of the Directory in October 1795 and put down a rebellion by royalists

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- Military successes overshadowed the weak and corrupt Directory government
- Invited by Abbé Siéyès, Napoleon joined the conspirators upon returning from Egypt and ousted the Directory (November 9, 1799)



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Napoleon's Rise to Power

Earlier military career → the Italian Campaigns:

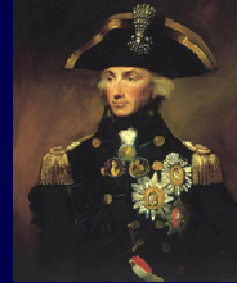
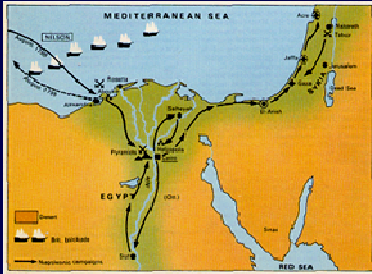
- 1796-1797 → he conquered most of northern Italy for France and had developed a taste for governing.
- In northern Italy, he moved to suppress religious orders, end serfdom, and limit age-old noble privilege.



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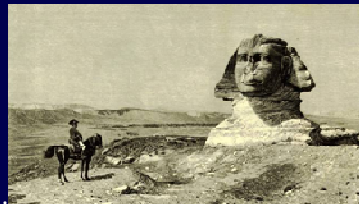
- Earlier military career → the Egyptian Campaign:
- 1798 → he was defeated by a British navy under **Admiral Horatio Nelson**, who destroyed the French fleet at the **Battle of the Nile**.
- Abandoning his troops in Egypt, Napoleon returned to France and received a hero's welcome!



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The Rosetta Stone



Jean Francois Champollion
(published the first
translation of the Rosetta
stone)



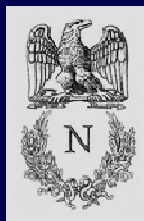
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Europe in 1800



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Napoleon as "First Consul"



- With the government in disarray, Napoleon launched a successful *coup d'etat* on November 9, 1799.
- He proclaimed himself "First Consul" [Julius Caesar's title] and did away with the elected Assembly [appointing a Senate instead].
- In 1802, he made himself sole "Consul for Life."
- Two years later he proclaimed himself "Emperor."

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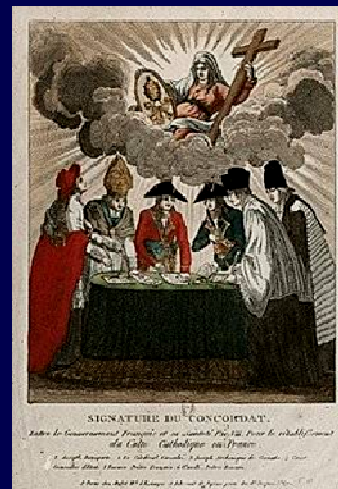
Banque de France, 1800



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Concordat of 1801

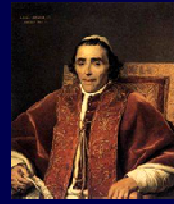
- Napoleon wanted to heal the divisions within the Catholic Church that had developed after the confiscation of Church property and the Civil Constitution of the Clergy.
- But, Napoleon's clear intent was to use the clergy to prop up his regime.



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Concordat of 1801

- * Catholicism was declared *the religion of the majority of Frenchmen*.
 - * Papal acceptance of church lands lost during the Revolution.
 - * Bishops subservient to the regime.
- Eventually, Pope Pius VII renounced the Concordat, and Napoleon had him brought to France and placed under house arrest.



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Lycée System of Education



- Established by Napoleon in 1801 as an educational reform.
- *Lycées* initially enrolled the nation's most talented students [they had to pay tuition, although there was some financial help available for poorer student].
- *Lycées* trained the nation's future bureaucrats.

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*Napoleon
Crossing the
St. Bernard*

*Jacques-Louis
David
(1801)*

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*“Crossing the
Alps,”
Paul Delaroche
(1850)*

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Legion of Honor, 1802



Palace of the Legion of Honor,
Paris

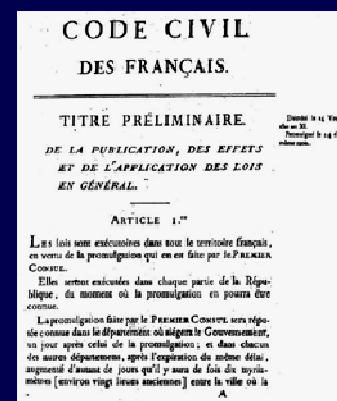
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Code Napoleon, 1804



It divides civil law into:

- Personal status.
- Property.
- The acquisition of property.
- Its purpose was to reform the French legal code to reflect the principles of the Fr. Revolution.
- Create one law code for France.



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Napoleon and his Code

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Influence of the Napoleonic Code



Wherever it was implemented [in the conquered territories], the *Code Napoleon* swept away feudal property relations.

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The Empress Josephine



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Josephine's Bedroom



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"Consecration of the Emperor Napoleon & the Empress Josephine," 1806 by David



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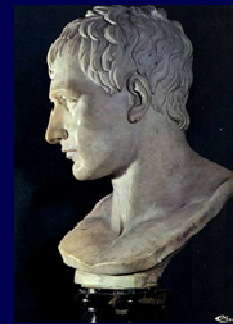
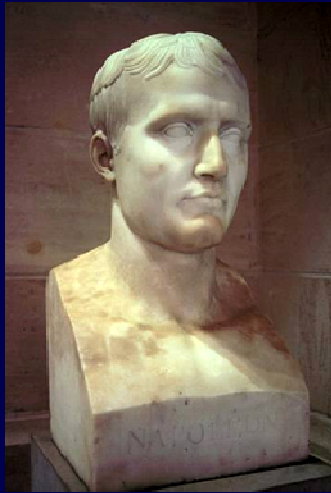
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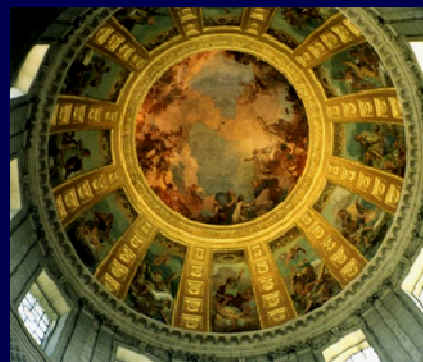
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The Imperial Image



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Neo-Classical Architecture



Napoleon's Tomb

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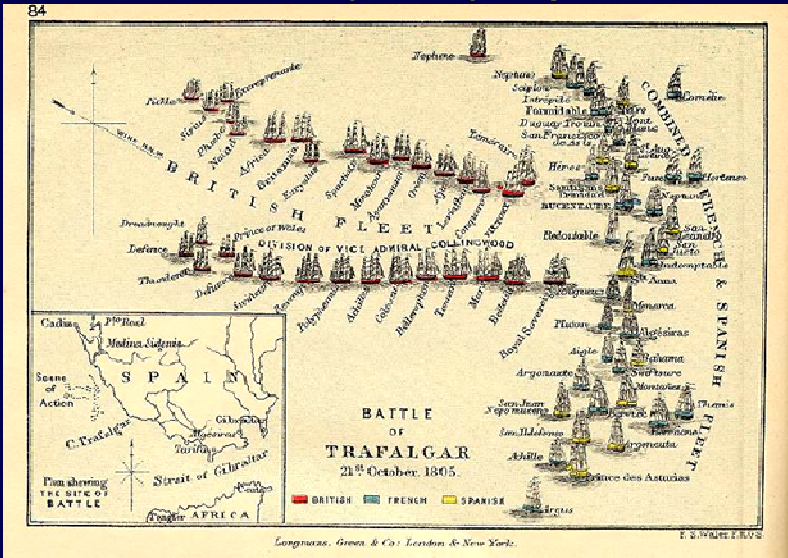
Napoleon's Major Military Campaigns

1805:	France →	Sea Power	← Britain
	Trafalgar (Lord Nelson: Fr. Navy lost!)		



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Battle of Trafalgar



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Napoleon's Major Military Campaigns

1805:



France →

- Danube
- Italy

← Britain
Austria
Russia

- ULM: France defeated Austria.
- AUSTERLITZ: France defeated Austria & Russia.

Crowned "King of Italy" on May 6, 1805

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Napoleon's Major Military Campaigns



1806: France → Confed. of the Rhine ← Prussia

4th Coalition created

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The Continental System

GOAL → to isolate Britain and promote Napoleon's mastery over Europe.

- British ships were not allowed in European ports.
- Britain proclaimed any ship stopping in Britain would be seized when it entered the Continent.
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The Continental System



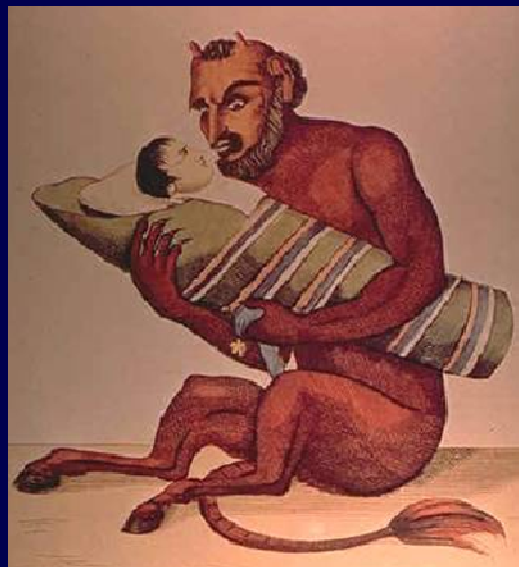
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*"Napoleon on His
Imperial Throne"
1806
By Jean Auguste
Dominique Ingres*

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British Cartoon



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Josephine's Divorce Statement (1807)

With the permission of our august and dear husband, I must declare that, having no hope of bearing children who would fulfill the needs of his policies and the interests of France, I am pleased to offer him the greatest proof of attachment and devotion ever offered on this earth.

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Napoleon's Divorce Statement (1807)

Far from ever finding cause for complaint, I can to the contrary only congratulate myself on the devotion and tenderness of my beloved wife. She has adorned thirteen years of my life; the memory will always remain engraved on my heart.

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*Marie Louise
(of Austria)*

*married
Napoleon on
March 12,
1810
in Vienna*

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*Marie Louise
(of Austria)*

*with
Napoleon's
Son*

*(Napoleon Francis
Joseph Charles: 1811-
1832)*



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Peninsular Campaign: 1807-1810

1806: France → **Continental System** ← Spain
Portugal

Portugal did not comply with the Continental System. France wanted Spain's support to invade Portugal.

Spain refused, so Napoleon invaded Spain as well!

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"The Spanish Ulcer"



- Napoleon tricked the Spanish king and prince to come to France, where he imprisoned them.
- He proclaimed his brother, Joseph, to be the new king of Spain.
- He stationed over 100,000 Fr troops in Madrid.
- On May 2, 1808 [*Dos de Mayo*] the Spanish rose up in rebellion.
- Fr troops fired on the crowd in Madrid the next day [*Tres de Mayo*].

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"Third of May, 1808" by Goya (1810)

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"The Spanish Ulcer"

- * Napoleon now poured 500,00 troops into Spain over the next few years.
- * French generals still had trouble subduing the Spanish population.
- * The British viewed this uprising as an opportunity to weaken Napoleon & moved an army into Portugal to protect that country and to aid the Spanish guerillas.
- * After 5 long years of savage fighting, French troops were finally pushed back across the Pyrennes Mountains out of Spain.



*The Surrender of Madrid
May, 1809
by Goya*

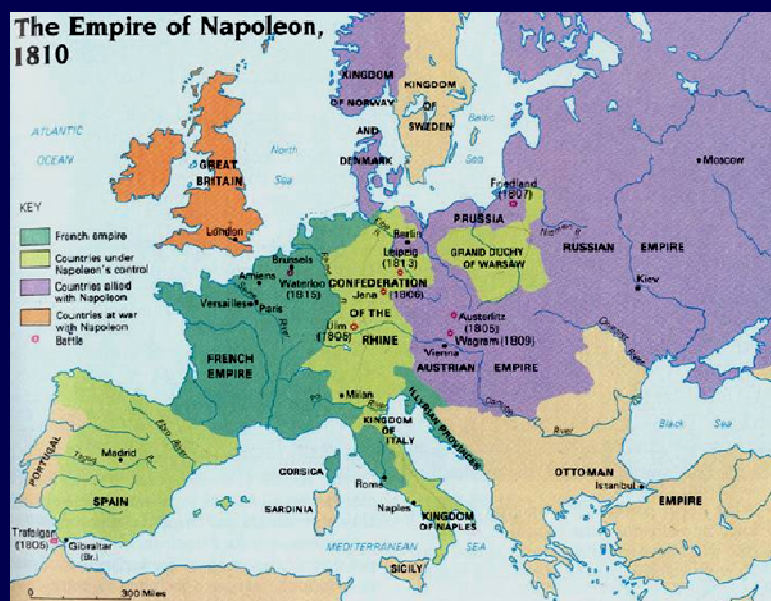
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*“Napoleon in
His
Study”
1812
by Jacques-
Louis David*

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Napoleon's Empire in 1810



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Napoleon's Family Rules!

Jerome Bonaparte - King of Westphalia.

Joseph Bonaparte - King of Spain

Louise Bonaparte - King of Holland

Pauline Bonaparte - Princess of Italy

Napoléon Francis Joseph Charles (son)- King of Rome

Elisa Bonaparte - Grand Duchess of Tuscany

Caroline Bonaparte - Queen of Naples

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Homework:

Napoleon chart

*Complete all that you know
so far.*

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